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PRODUCTION AND REQUIREMENT OF EDIBLE OILS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the production and requirement of edible oils in the country during the last three years and current year, year-wise;

(b) whether there is any shortage of edible oil in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to increase the production of edible oils; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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(a), (b) & (c) : There is a gap between demand and supply of edible oils in the country. The gap is being met by import of edible oils. Net availability of edible oils from domestic sources, import and actual consumption during last three years have been as under :-

Year	Net availability of Edible oils from domestic sources	Imports	Actual consump.
1996-97	70.89	17.50	88.83
1997-98	62	20.83	82.83
1998-99	72.60	43.93	116.53
1999-00	64.78 (E)	36 (E)	100.78 (E)

E - Estimated.

(d) & (e) : Edible Oils are produced from oilseeds. A Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is being implemented by the Agriculture Ministry from the date of inception of the Technology Mission i.e. 1986-87. During the year 1999-2000, the scheme is in implementation in 25 States covering 395 selected districts and is being funded on 75:25 share basis between Central Government and the State Governments. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for the critical inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements, gypsum/pyrites, micro-nutrients, rhyzobium culture etc. to the farmers through State Governments. In addition to this, frontline and general demonstrations are also organised on the farmer`s fields to disseminate the improved production and protection technologies.